

ABSTRACT

5 A varactor comprising a substrate, a first conductor positioned on a surface of the substrate, a second conductor positioned on the surface of the substrate forming a gap between the first and second conductors, a tunable dielectric material positioned on the surface of the substrate and within the gap, the tunable dielectric material having a top surface, with at least a portion of said top surface being positioned above the gap opposite the surface of the substrate, and a first portion of the second conductor extending along at least a portion of the top surface of the tunable dielectric material. The second conductor can overlap or not overlap a portion of the first conductor.

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